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Changes to advice for schools and parents re: Positive case of COVID in a household

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the weeks leading up to half term, we have seen large increases in the number of children and young people testing positive for COVID-19 across Doncaster. Several schools have seen outbreaks that have disrupted education and we have also seen children catching COVID-19 in schools and passing it on to their families and friends.

In response to this, all schools in Doncaster have been advised by Public Health and Doncaster Council to change the arrangements if a child has a household member, sibling or parent who tests positive.

From today, if there is a positive person (e.g. Parent or sibling) in your household Public Health are recommending that your child or children stay at home.

- If your child has symptoms or develops symptoms on day 1 or 2, they should get a PCR test straight away
- If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test on day 3, 4 or 5 after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms)
- If this test is negative, the child can return to school and complete LFT tests for the remaining isolation period of the household contact
- If the child develops symptoms at a later date, they must stay home and PCR test again.

This applies to primary and secondary age children.

PCR test kits and Lateral Flow Test kits can be ordered online. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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Any pupil who has tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days, and 12–16-year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago, will be exempt from this.

We hope that most parents will understand the reasons behind the request and will feel able to support the school.

Please take the time to read the detailed letter attached to this email from Public Health and Doncaster Council about other measures that we can all take to help keep our community safe this winter. Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of covid including a cough, cold-like symptoms or temperature – always book a PCR test to be sure whether your child has Covid or not.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Sumner, Headteacher.